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LOSSES TO DDA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the higher officials of Delhi Development Authority have caused losses to DDA under the Mega Projectas reported in the Jansatta dated December 11,2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against the officials responsible for scam in the mega project of DDA?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): The news items appeared in the `Jansatta`, dated December 11, 2002 reports the complaint of DDA Builders` Association levelling allegations of financial irregularities in the award of Mega Housing Projects on Turn Key Basis by DDA.

The Delhi Development Authority has reported that it has awarded the work for construction of 9000 Lower Income Group (LIG)flats on Turn Key Basis to the pre-qualified construction agencies. These works have been awarded @ Rs.7,190/- (Rs. Seven thousand one hundred and ninety) per sqm. of the plinth area of dwelling unit. The average cost of construction of LIG flatsduring last year was Rs.5,400/- (Rs.Five thousand four hundred) per sqm. of the plinth area. The earlier cost, however, did not include certain items, which have been included in the projects awarded on Turn Key Basis and for which no extra payment is to be made. These are:

(i) Construction of the boundary wall around the housing pocket, a community hall, security hut, shopping centre.

(ii) The preparation of Architectural and Structural designs, design of services and getting them approved from the Civic Agencies like MCD, DJB and DVB, maintenance of houses and services for a period of three years.

(iii) The filling of one meter depth, dual piping system for water supply, rain water harvesting, construction of electric sub-station and providing/laying High Tension and Low Tension lines and transfer of the services to the respective Civic Agencies.

(c): The Vigilance Department of DDA has taken upexamination of the allegations made by the DDA Builders` Association regarding the Turn Key Projects. Further action would depend upon the outcome of the investigation.